

## The Commonwealth

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### PAY UP.

There are a great many accounts due The Commonwealth for advertising, job printing and subscriptions, and we must insist upon the prompt payment of same.

Handle those resolutions carefully.

It was everything but a dry Xmas.

It seems that all the facts about the bathtub trust have completely leaked out.

If the pot called the kettle black, what will the fireless cooker dub the paper bag?

We are talking about the high price of living, but just think of Italy paying \$100,000,000 for a slice of Turkey!

It can be inferred from Teddy Roosevelt's remark that he will not very likely manage Taft's presidential campaign.

The holiday trade seemed to brighten-up last Saturday but was short of the handsome trade of last Xmas by large figures.

Inasmuch as one-fifth of the people in China know that something is going on, the confusion over there must be indescribable.

City editors in California are quizzed as to whether they should send the political reporter or the society one to the campaign rallies.

If each member of the Jones family would contribute a penny, the matter of raising a monument for John Paul Jones would be easy sailing.

A splendid resolution will be to settle the accounts which we are rendering to those in arrears to this office for subscription, advertising and job work.

City politics are becoming enlivened. At its present gait, the field promises to be well filled with aspirants for local honors. May the best fitted men be elected.

Greenwood is easily the best governed town in the state of its size. The conduct during the holidays in our city was splendid, and happy reflection upon a progressive citizenship that appreciates the importance of law-observance.

The Commonwealth is 15 years old today, and extends best wishes for a happy, prosperous New Year to all its friends and patrons. They have been very good to us at all times, and we hope to fully merit a continuance of their good-will and generous patronage in the future.

"Greenwood, Leflore County and the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta," is the title of a 32-page descriptive booklet just issued. It was compiled and published by Geo. W. Bellar, is very neatly arranged and printed, containing interesting data as to the city and county, and numerous write-ups for our business men. This booklet is to be circulated in sections where it will do the most good.

The application for charters by two corporations in Leflore County, aggregating a capital of \$1,600,000, speaks eloquently of the faith that our people have in their lands. Leflore County land is too valuable to sacrifice to the syndicates or combines, which are gobbling up lands wherever they find a section visited by slightly adverse conditions.

A unique suggestion if offered in an advertisement recently sent out by a business concern, which runs as follows: "Behold the fisherman! He riseth up early in the morning and disturbeth the whole household. Mighty are his preparations. He goeth forth full of hope. When the day is spent he returneth, smelling of strong drink. And the truth is not in him."

### CHANGES AT COURT HOUSE.

The officials at the court house who cannot succeed themselves, or who failed to make the landing in the recent primaries, are winding up the work of their respective offices and making ready for the "elects". For the past few weeks the chancery clerk, the tax assessor, sheriff, treasurer, and others were down at it, getting affairs in shape for their successors. Circuit Clerk J. B. Humphreys was re-elected and does not find it necessary to arrange for a transfer of the affairs of that office.

In the chancery clerk's office, Roy Bew will take charge on the first of the year, and has slated as his deputy, Robt. Johnson, who for the past few months has been deputy in the office of circuit clerk. Mr. Crockett, and his efficient deputy, Ben Chatham, have everything in splendid readiness for the new administration. Mr. Crockett has not made a definite statement as to his future vocation, but Mr. Chatham has been selected as office deputy in the sheriff's office.

Sheriff-elect W. C. Taylor has announced his deputies, selecting B. P. Chatham as his office deputy, and Mr. Hub King as the other deputy for this district. Mr. Chatham is one of the most efficient office men in the county, and will fill his new position with credit to the office, Mr. Taylor and himself. Mr. King is also splendidly qualified for the deputyship given him.

Harris Gray has been getting in readiness for the duties of the tax assessor's office to which he was elected, and will find everything in splendid shape when the present incumbent, Lee Arterbury, turns over the books to him.

Treasurer-elect J. H. Pettet is with the others on the waiting list for the taking charge of his new duties, and Mr. Chapman has rounded up everything in his department.

County Attorney Gillespie will be succeeded by Orman L. Kimbrough, and will have all information ready for the new incumbent in regard to continued cases.

The Board of Supervisors during this term will be H. L. Walton from Beat One, Mims Wilson from Beat Two, S. F. Jones from Beat Three, J. L. Haley from Beat Four, and E. B. Clark from Beat Five. Its president and attorney will be named at January meeting. All of the members of the Board are well known business men.

The closeness of the results in most of the races of the last election happily reflect on the outgoing administration, who have served their constituency to the best of their ability, and the incoming officers are all well qualified to serve the county in the offices to which they have been elected.

To each The Commonwealth extends the best of wishes for all possible success in their respective undertakings.

### \$100,000,000 FOR ROADS.

It is beginning to look as if congress will do something toward the establishment of a definite national good roads policy. Bills for government national highways are coming thick and fast.

Representative Candler of Mississippi has introduced a bill for good roads. It provides for an appropriation of \$100,000,000, \$20,000,000 to be expended annually for a period of five years, under the supervision of the director of public roads and the local state authorities. In a speech Mr. Candler showed that the states during the year 1911 had authorized expenditures to the amount of nearly \$150,000,000 for good roads. He demonstrated by statistics that the American farmer paid more for hauling his products from his farm to the nearest markets than farmers of other countries. Among other things, Mr. Chanier said:

"The time is ripe for action in this field. Our farmers are constitutionally patient, but it is not to be expected that they will permit that patience to be abused. They have a right to look for equitable treatment, for a proper consideration of their vast interests, at the hands of the government to whose greatness and wealth they are the largest contributors."

"In 1908 the value of agricultural products was \$7,848,000,000. This year the estimated aggregate

value is \$8,417,000,000. An industry yielding such wealth ought not to go begging at the portals of government for means for adequate transportation to markets or points of shipment. It should be granted cheerfully, promptly and ungrudgingly, just as it has been granted to the other undertakings of great national importance.

"We have made possible transportation along the great water highways of this country. The government in instances has provided means whereby great railways have traversed this country from one end to the other. Let us now commence the building of good roads throughout the country, which may contribute to the happiness of the people who live in the country."

Your Cotton or Seed, any amount, insured instantly anywhere. W. M. PETEET.

### Trustee's Foreclosure Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon and vested in me by the terms and provisions of that certain deed of trust, executed by Lula Evans, in favor of H. E. Cahn, Guardian, on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1910, and recorded in Book 6, at page 143, of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Lands of Leflore County, Mississippi, I, E. L. MOUNGER, the trustee named in the said deed of trust, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness mentioned in and secured by said deed of trust, in order to pay said indebtedness, will, at the request of the said H. E. Cahn, Guardian, the owner and holder thereof, within legal hours, at the South Door of the Court House of said county, in the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, on Saturday the 6th day of January, A. D., 1912, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, described in or covered by the aforesaid deed of trust, to-wit:

Lot five (5), in Block twenty-five (25), in the Henry Addition to the City of Greenwood, in Leflore County, Mississippi.

Witness my signature, this 12th day of December, A. D., 1911.

E. L. MOUNGER, Trustee.

### Trustee's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the terms and conditions of that certain deed of trust executed by Sam Harris, Mary Westly and Robert Lee Mack to Means Johnston, Trustee, to secure the payment of certain moneys to J. A. Gleason & Co., which deed of trust is of record in Book 7, page 388 of record of trust deeds in the Chancery Clerk's office at Greenwood, Miss., and upon which default has been made in payment of the moneys secured, and upon request of the said J. A. Gleason & Co., I will, within legal hours on Monday the 15th day of January, 1912, offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Court House in Greenwood, Miss., the following described land, to-wit: S. E. 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 27, T. 1, R. 2 West, and N. E. 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 27, T. 1, R. 2 W. in Leflore County, Mississippi.

The title is believed to be good, but I will sell and convey only such title as is vested in the Trustee.

This Dec. 21st., 1911.

MEANS JOHNSTON, Trustee.

### Depository Bids Wanted.

An Order declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County to create County and Drainage District Depositories.

Be it ordered by the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, Mississippi, that it is the intention of the Board to create Depositories for the funds of Leflore County, and the several Drainage Districts therein, at the January, 1912, meeting of said Board.

Be it further ordered, that sealed proposals shall be received from the State or National Banks for the keeping of said funds in accordance with Chapter 127 of the Laws of Mississippi, 1910, and the Amendments thereto made at the November, 1911, meeting of the State Legislature, and for the keeping of the separate funds as named below, to-wit: Drainage District Bonds, Bond Sinking Fund, Township Funds, School Funds.

All Other County Funds; then for all funds, County and Drainage Districts, as a whole.

Any bank may make proposals for either or all of the several funds as above set out. The Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Proposals shall be accompanied by a list of bonds as security for deposits, and same for successful bidders shall be passed upon at the January, 1912, meeting.

Ordered that the Clerk publish this order in the two Greenwood papers and mail copy of same to each bank of the county.

This December 6th, 1911.

C. W. CROCKETT, Clerk.  
By B. P. CHATHAM, D. C.

### Citation.

State of Mississippi, County of Leflore. To Stanford Smith, whose Postoffice address is unknown:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of said county and state, on the 4th Monday of March, A. D., 1912, to defend the suit in said Court of Frances Smith, wherein you are Defendant.

This 21st day of December, 1911.

C. W. CROCKETT, Clerk.

By B. P. CHATHAM, D. C.

JAS. G. GILLESPIE, Atty

### Trustee's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that, Whereas, Charles Wilson and his wife, Mary Wilson, executed to me a certain Deed of Trust, on the second day of January, 1911, to secure the payment of a certain indebtedness to J. A. Gleason & Co., which said deed of trust is of record in Book 7, at page 315, of the records of Trust Deeds in Leflore County, Mississippi; and whereas default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured; and whereas the said J. A. Gleason & Co. have requested me to foreclose said deed of trust;

Now, therefore, I will proceed, within legal hours, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1912, in front of the court house door, in Greenwood, Mississippi, to sell, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

The North-west Quarter of the North-east Quarter of Section Eleven; and the North-east Quarter of the South-east Quarter of Section Eleven; all in Township Twenty-Two, of Range Two West, in Leflore County, Mississippi. Also the following live stock, to-wit: One dark bay mare mule, named "Pigeon", about 5 years old; One light bay mare mule, named "Hattie", about 5 years old; also all of the farming implements, including wagons, plows, harness and other farming utensils owned by the grantors in said above described deed of trust.

I will sell and convey only such title as is vested in the trustee.

This 14th day of December, 1911.

E. D. STONE, Trustee.

### Petition for Pardon.

To Your Excellency, Governor E. F. Noel:

Your petitioner, Tom Lee Cummings, would respectfully show to your Honor that at the January, 1911, term of the circuit court of Leflore County, Mississippi, he was convicted of manslaughter on an indictment wherein he was charged with the murder of Tom McMullen, your petitioner and said Tom McMullen both being white men.

Your petitioner would further show that the evidence in said case was close and the jury while returning a verdict of manslaughter on said indictment for murder recommended the mercy of the court, and your petitioner was sentenced by the court to two years imprisonment. Petitioner will further show that the killing occurred in a timber camp and that at the time of the shooting of said McMullen by your petitioner, your petitioner believed that his life was in danger, the said McMullen having knocked your petitioner down three or four times and a large and vicious dog also jumped on your petitioner each time he was knocked down by said McMullen, and your petitioner repeatedly and earnestly requested the said McMullen to quit knocking him down and allow him to escape, which the said McMullen refused to do, and while in a state of great excitement and believing his life to be in danger, and thinking McMullen was approaching him with a large knife, your petitioner shot the said McMullen in order to save his own life.

Your petitioner will further show that during his term of imprisonment he has done all in his power to make a trust-worthy and faithful servant of the state; that he has a wife and baby dependent upon him for support; that he believes the punishment already meted out to him is sufficient in this case, and he, therefore, prays that your Excellency will grant him a pardon so that he may again be a free man. Respectfully submitted, TOM LEE CUMMINGS.

### Attachment Notice.

The State of Mississippi.

To C. B. Lawrence: An attachment at the suit of D. W. & R. L. Miller against your estate for one hundred and ten (\$100.00) dollars, returnable before the Justice of the Peace Court for Beat Three of Leflore County, Mississippi, at Greenwood, Mississippi, has been executed and is now pending in said court. Unless you appear before said court on the 3rd Thursday of January, 1912, the 18th day of said month and year, and plead to said action, judgment will be entered and estate attached in favor of said D. W. & R. L. Miller against certain persons who have been garnished in said attachment suit.

This 19th day of December, 1911.

D. P. MONTGOMERY,

Justice of the Peace for Beat Three.

### Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, will at the meeting of said Board to be held in the Mayor's office at the City Hall, in said city, on the first Tuesday in January, 1912, being the 2nd day thereof, receive and open bids for the contract to erect a new school building, including heating, plumbing, etc., in said city, according to plans and specifications on file with the clerk.

The Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

This December 12, 1911.

R. H. HICKS,

City Clerk.

### Posted Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Wildwood Plantation is positively posted against all hunters, peddlers and all trespassers, and any violations thereof shall be severely punished for each trespass.

M. S. McLEAN,

Money, Miss., Dec. 1, 1911.

### Lands Posted.

Notice is hereby given that all lands at Mossy Lake are posted against all peddlers, hunters, and trespassers of any kind, and that all infractions will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

MATT. LIPOVAC,

Greenwood, Miss.

Dec. 1, 1911.

### CLASSIFIED COLUMN.

#### Residence For Sale.

My two story residence in Congress Heights is for sale. Very little cash needed from right party to make purchase. Lot, 100 x 127. House built 1910, has all modern conveniences, nicely finished inside, closets in each bedroom. Bath room conveniently located. Large, comfortable bedrooms, dining room and library. Anyone wishing to inspect this property with view of buying, will notify me at Leflore Gro. Co. Will be glad to show them.

T. H. DENNIS.

#### Money to Loan.

We have some clients who desire to loan money on farm property—regardless of the boll-weevil. For terms apply to POLLARD & HAMNER, Attorneys.

#### Fine Eggs for Sale.

Kellerstrous Strain White Orpington Eggs for sale from prize winners; \$2.50 per setting, fifteen. J. W. Barnwell, Greenwood, Miss.

#### Desirable Offices for Rent.

Two nice desirably located office rooms, upstairs in The Commonwealth Building, on Market street. Just the thing for a Doctor or Lawyer's office. Apply at once to J. L. Gillespie.

#### Land For Rent.

50, 100 or 200 acres of land, 1 1/2 miles from Greenwood, for rent. Four 4-room houses, five 2-room houses—all celled and painted; artesian water. Good terms to right parties. Apply to S. J. STEIN.

#### For Rent.

After January 1, 1912, one brick store—splendidly located—at Morgan City, Miss. For further information see or write to T. F. Steele, Cruger, Miss.

#### For Sale.

My late residence on Howard street, 55 front, 150 feet deep, will double in value within next few years. Fourth cash, balance one, two and three years. F. R. AUSTIN.

#### Store Fixtures For Sale.

One hundred feet of fine store fixtures for sale cheap. Apply at Roebuck Plantation.

2w H. E. BOWMAN, Manager.

#### Stock For Sale.

Twenty-five shares of Interstate Fire Insurance for sale for \$450. Address R. D. BEARD, Philipp, Miss.

#### For Sale.

75x125 feet, Howard St., nearly opposite new post office building. F. R. AUSTIN.

#### For Sale.

All grades of Milch Cows for sale. J. J. STINGLEY, Durant, Miss.

LOST—Before Christmas, one Eastern Star Pin with wreath of leaves around it. Finder will return to Mrs. J. Y. McNeill and receive reward.

FOR RENT—Four beautiful rooms, unfurnished. Located corner George and Front streets. Lights and water convenient. Reasonable rent. Apply to Simon Davidson.

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#### For Sale.

A good family horse. Apply to MRS. E. L. MOUNGER.

#### Position Wanted.

Position for year 1912 by an experienced cotton planter. 30 years experience. Only a first-class position considered. Property would be inspected before closing trade as to desirability for man with family. Have never been discharged by employer in 25 years management of large properties. Reason for making change. Apply to R. L. this office.

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